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**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Ralf Ehricht *et al.*  
Serial No. : 10/038,284  
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Title : MICROCHIP MATRIX DEVICE FOR DUPLICATING AND  
CHARACTERIZING NUCLEIC ACIDS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for a five-month extension of time to file the accompanying Request for Continued Examination. According to MPEP 1205.01, "The usual period of time in which appellant must file his or her brief is 2 months from the date of appeal. The Office date of receipt of the notice of appeal (and not the date indicated on any Certificate of Mailing under 37 CFR 1.8) is the date from which this 2 month time period is measured. . . . This 2-month time period for a patent application may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a)."

Applicants' Notice of Appeal was received by the Office on October 26, 2005. Accordingly, the 2 month period ran until December 26, 2005, and the 5 month extension of time runs through and includes May 26, 2006. As such, the Request for Continued Examination filed with this Petition is timely.

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Attached is a check in the amount of \$2,950 (including \$790 for the Request for Continued Examination and \$2,160 for the five-month extension of time). Should this fee be in error, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit or credit Deposit Account 19-4293.

Respectfully submitted,

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